

JOEL, b. E. Windsor, 8-19-1779, d. Coeymans Hollow, N. Y. 3-20-1870. m. 1st. about 1803, Ruth Field, who d. 1819, he m. 2nd. 1823, Rosetta Edwards. He lived in Mid. near the Cemetery north east of the Center, but later moved to Cairo, Coeymans and Coeymans Hollow, N. Y. (See Pelton Gen. p. 96).

JOHN, b. 7-3-1782, drowned at Norwich, 6-7-1794.

CYPRIAN, b. Mid. 12-31-1785, married, and died in Whittsboro, N. Y. (See Pelton Gen. p. 96).

### PERKINS

PERKINS, PHINEAS, (Thomas,<sup>5</sup> Thomas,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) son of Thomas and Mary (Standish) Perkins, was b. in Enfield, Conn., 5-26-1752; he was an early settler of Southwick. Bought in 1799 of Ephraim Booth Lots No. 8 I and II Divs. W. P.G. on West Hill, which was at or near the Cross place on the north road to Becket. Daniel Perkins, perhaps Phineas's older brother of that name, Daniel, 2nd, and Joel are mentioned in the 1792 pew record. About 1806 he sold out to David and Ebenezer King of Suffield, Conn., and went with the Eggleston's to Aurora, Ohio. He lived in Aurora several years. He deeded to his son Grant 200 acres of land which in turn passed to Leicester, Grant's brother. The Perkinses were land traders. Henry and Samuel Baldwin, grandson of Capt. Perkins, attended school in a log schoolhouse near Joseph Eggleston's, which makes it appear that the daughter of Perkins married Eliakim Baldwin at some early date.

Middlefield Vital Records give the following:

Asenath Perkins, married Richard Hardy of Washington, 12-11-1800.

Betsy Perkins married Peter Harvey of Windsor, Conn., 12-7-1802.

### PHELPS

PHELPS, BENJAMIN, (Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> Jacob,<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) (See Phelps Gen.) Son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup> and Deborah (Temple) Phelps, was b. Mansfield, Conn., 3-30-1718, d. Mid. 3-3-1804, m. 1st in 1747, Somers Conn., Ruth Horton. He m. 2nd Chester, 5-9-1792, Thankful Alderman, who d. Mid. 12-17-1835. ae. 98. He lived in Mansfield and Somers, Conn., and West-

field, Mass., but by 1790 he had moved to Mid. where he lived on Ridgepole Road next door to his son-in-law, Thomas Wood.

Children:

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| <p>ABIGAIL, b. 10-31-1748, m. Thomas Wood (See Wood Family).</p> <p>BENJAMIN, b. Mansfield, Conn. 10-11-1850, d. Somers, Conn. m. 1st. Sarah Cook of Andover, Conn. m. 2nd. 12-21-1793, Susan Chapin of Springfield, m. 3rd. Anne Shepard of Tolland. Lived in Somers, Conn.</p> | <p>SAMUEL, b. Mansfield, Conn. m. Mid. (int) 8-26-1791, Clarissa Skinner, Settled in Watervliet, Troy, N. Y. where he died.</p> <p>RUTH, b. Somers, 5-5-1753, m. Dec. 1787, prob. Daniel Dibble.</p> <p>JOSEPH, b. Somers, 5-24-1760 prob. settled in Troy. N. Y.</p> |
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PHELPS, BISSELL, (Solomon,<sup>4</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> Timothy,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>) son of Solomon<sup>4</sup> and Temperance (Barber) Phelps, was b. Hebron, Conn., 2-16-1754, d. Waitsfield, Vt., 10-25-1845, m. 1st 7-12-1775, Lovina, dau. Aaron and Eunice (Taintor) Skinner of Colchester, Conn., b. Hebron, Conn., d. Waitsfield, Vt., 3-29-1802. He m. 2nd 2-27-1803, Sally, dau. Abraham and Anna (Brown) Waterman, b. Killingly, Conn., 1-31-1772, d. Sharon, Vt., 4-16-1871. He was a soldier in Rev. War. He was a farmer in Hebron, Conn., up to 1784 when he moved to Mid. He owned whole or part of Lot 221 Worthington, which lies north and northeast of Blossom Corner. His house stood in the first field to the right of the highway leading from Blossom Corner to the cemetery. In November, 1786 he was appointed on a committee "to apply to Mr. Robinson to preach with us in this town." He served on several committees during the controversy over the site for the meetinghouse. He was appointed on the school committee in 1791 and 1794. He sold parts of lot 221 to William Coleman in 1795 and a part to Ebenezer Emmons in 1796. He left town probably about 1796, moving his family and goods with two yoke of oxen to Waitsfield, Vt., where he lived the rest of his life. His widow Sally, showed her patriotism during the civil war, though she was then 90 years of age, by hoisting the American flag on a pole in her yard in Sharon, Vt., mornings and evenings.

Among their children were:

DAVID, b. Hebron, Conn. 11-4-1775	LOVISA, b. Hebron, 3-22-1784.
See Fam. 1).	SOLOMON, b. Mid. 8-15-1787, d. Mid.
AARON, b. Hebron, 4-15-1778.	1788.
ALEXANDER, b. Hebron, 10-6-1780.	Others were b. Waitsfield, Vt.

FAM. 1. DAVID PHELPS, son of Bissell<sup>5</sup> and Lovina (Skinner) Phelps, was b. Hebron, Conn., 11-4-1775, d. Antwerp, N. Y., 9-2-1829, m. 2-23-1796, Lucinda, dau. Thomas and Abigail (Phelps) Wood, of Mid. b. Somers, Conn., 7-6-1775. He was living in Mid. in 1800 but later moved to Waitsfield, Vt. He afterwards moved to Antwerp, N. Y., where some of his children settled.

Children b. Mid.:

LUCINDA, b. 3-20-1797, m. Zebina Smith.	DAVID, b. 6-13-1799, d. Antwerp, N. Y. 4-25-1825, unm.
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PHELPS, OBADIAH, (Noah,<sup>4</sup> Israel,<sup>3</sup> Jacob,<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) son of Noah and Hannah (Abbe) Phelps of Enfield, Conn., was b. 2-24-1767, m. 12-12-1797, Lucy, dau. Nathan and Ruth (Thompson) Pelton, of E. Windsor, Conn., who was b. 11-7-1775. He was living in E. Windsor in 1790 but by 1798 was living in Mid. in the southeast part of the town. His name appears on the Minister Tax list for 1799. He was a school teacher. He had moved away by 1810. Moved to Turin, N. Y.

Children b. Mid.:

LUCY, b. 8-21-1798.	DYRE, b. 11-26-1800.
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## PINNEY

PINNEY, AARON, prob. a descendant of the emigrant Humphey Pinney of Windsor, Conn., through his son Samuel and grandson Samuel who lived at Ellington, Conn. He was b. 1741; d. 1777. In 1764 he m. Mrs. Deborah (Hall) Coy who was b. abt. 1734, d. Mid. 4-25-1818 or 1819. He was living in East Windsor, Conn., in 1769, but by 1772 he moved to Becket, Mass.

## Children :

- AARON, b. Nov. 1765, m. in Becket, 1802, Fanny Chapman.  
 BENJAMIN, b. 5-21-1768. (See Fam. 1).  
 MABEL, b. 4-11-1770, m. Orrin Millard, of Mid. (See Millard Fam.)  
 SILAS, b. 10-12-1773, m. Becket, 1802, Polly Fuller. May have lived in Mid. a short time as he sold to Orrin Millard in 1806 a part of Lot 44 Becket Section bordering on Factory Brook.  
 DEBORAH, b. 1-25-1777.

FAM. 1. BENJAMIN PINNEY, son of Aaron and Deborah Pinney, was b. 5-21-1768; d. Mid. 7-10-1827. He m. 1st Deliverence Nichols, who was b. abt. 1775; d. Mid. 10-16-1799. He m. 2nd. Cynthia, dau. of Job and Cynthia (Cushman) Robbins. He came to Mid. about 1797, living east of the road to Worthington near the fork in the road near the cemetery. Between 1810 and 1820 he moved to Blush Hollow, living near the Wheeler farm. He was a shoemaker.

## Children :

- TWINS, d. Mid. 3-5-1798.  
 DILLEY, b. Mid. 7-6-1799, d. in Lee.  
 WILLIAM KELSO, b. Mid. 11-30-1801, m. Sophronia, dau. Joseph and Louisa (Pease) Smith of Mid. Moved to Ohio with his mother and lived in Kellogsville, Ohio. He was a farmer and shoemaker. Had dau. Harriet Louise.  
 PARMELA, b. Mid. 7-2-1803, d. 4-18-1829.  
 HIRAM, b. 7-30-1808, d. 1-23-1809.  
 CYNTHIA DELIGHT, b. 11-6-1809, d. 1-24-1850, m. 1829, Seth Wait.  
 SALLY, b. 10-5-1812, d. 9-23-1849, m. Mr. Curtis.

PINNEY, JOHN, probably a brother of Aaron, of East Windsor, Conn., who owned land adjoining him there in 1769. He was b. abt. 1744; d. Mid. 9-26-1817, ae. 73; m. Deborah ———, who was b. abt. 1740; d. Mid. 3-14-1812. He appeared in the Mid. region abt. 1781, purchasing parts of Lots 21 and 24 in III Div. Becket from David Carrier and the s.w. corner of Lot 41 Mur. from James Nooney. He signed the petition remonstrating against the calling of Rev. Mr. Thompson in 1785. Pinney's house stood a short distance east of the house of E. H. Alderman. The following are supposed to be his children.

JERUSA, b. Windsor, Conn. 2-2-1764, d. Mid. 12-21-1804.

BETTY, bap. E. Windsor, 12-6-1768, d. Mid. 2-25-1842. "Aunt Betty Pinney" as she was familiarly known was a tall, gray-eyed spinster, plain of speech, who lived alone in a house opposite the cemetery, and supported herself by making bed quilts and knitting stockings. She was also a tailoress.

JOHN, d. 8-27-1848 (See Fam. 2).

PETER, m. 1-18-1808, Olive, dau. of Ebenezer and Anna (Wright) Abbot, who was b. 1-23-1783. He was in Mid. as early as 1796 and was living there as late as 1810. He is said to have died at Key West. His son John lived at Pensacola, Florida.

FAM. 2. JOHN PINNEY, JR., held by some to be the son of John and Deborah Pinney, of Windsor, Conn., d. 8-27-1848, m. 9-28-1797, Electa, dau. Abner and Mercy Clapp of Mid., who d. 3-29-1859. He was living in Mid., near Johnnyeake Hill in 1800. By 1806 he had moved to New York State, Onondaga Co. near Syracuse.

Mr. Frank Pinney of Collins, Ohio, has furnished the following data: "John Pinney, Jr., was one of four children of William Pinney, an English soldier who came to America to fight in the French and Indian War. After the war he deserted and married. His children were Peter, William, John and Betty. John married Electa Clapp."

#### Children:

HOLLIBERT, b. Mid. 12-30-1801, m. 1830 Harriet Fay. Their children were: Nancy, Jackson, John, Henry H., and Frank. Frank lives in Collins, Ohio.	ELECTA NANCY JOHN
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#### POST

POST, ICHABOD, b. Hebron, Conn., 8-31-1768; d. there 1-2-1847; m. 10-21-1839, Anna, dau. of Abel and Mary (Mack) Cheeseman, b. in Washington, Mass. She was a second wife as he had a child who d. in Mid. 1794. He was assigned to Pew 22 in meetinghouse in 1792.

#### PRIOR

PRIOR, HEMAN, of Enfield, Conn., was in Middlefield as early as 1794 when he was assigned to Pew 26 in the meetinghouse.

He owned part of Lot 10, II Div. Washington which he sold to David Mack in 1796. He lived somewhere south of Theodore Coats who was on the north road to Becket. A Herman Prior m. Mehitable Saunderson, 10-15-1789.

### READ

READ, CHRISTOPHER was living in Middlefield in 1799 for his name appears upon the minister tax list for that year. But we know nothing more about him.

### RHOADS

RHOADS, JOHN, son of Obadiah Rhoads of Voluntown, Conn., was probably the John Rhoads who m. at Voluntown, 1744, Dorothy Gallup. He purchased from his father in 1772 lots 129 and 131 Worthington at the head of Glendale Falls. He established a Grist Mill on the Den Stream at the head of the falls, which by 1775 had become such an important industry that it was made accessible to the dwellers in Worthington by the laying out of a highway to it from a road which led to the meetinghouse in that town. He purchased Lot 55 I Div. Murrayfield and 38 in II Div., which he sold to Joseph Rhoads in 1776. He signed the Pet. Inc. 1782, and also the Baptist petition in 1790. He was a soldier in Rev. War. Some time after his fortunes appear to have sunk to a low level for on 8-17-1796 the town of Mid. voted "to select a committee to take the prudentest steps to protect the town against cost for the support of John Rhoads," and they were instructed to determine whether he had any property which might be sold to pay for his support. In 1793 he had sold his interest in the mill and water privilege to James Nooney. Like the rest of the Rhoadses he had left town by 1799. Rhoads is said to have built the house where James Nooney and Capt. Nathan Wright lived, which stood on the site now occupied by the house of Mr. Clark B. Wright. Rhoads is known to have had a son William. The other individuals are supposed to have been his children:

WILLIAM, m. Mary Niells of Chesterfield. (See Fam. 1).

MARY, m. (int) 10-10-1784, Jeremiah Rider who became a partner in the gristmill business. (See Rider Fam.).

JOSEPH, m. (int) 12-8-1789, Rhoda Wheeler. Bought lot 55 in I Div. and 38 in II Div. Murrayfield. He appears to have acquired lot 54, which he sold to Edward Little in 1796. He signed the Baptist petition in 1790. He had left town by 1799. He was a soldier in the Rev. War.

SILAS, m. (int) 5-28-1790 Lydia Ward. He bought 85 acres in Lot 129 Worth. in 1791. In 1793 he sold to Nooney, Rider and Talcott his portion of the lot, together with a "brick down" and his privilege of pondage on the lot. He signed the Baptist Petition in 1790. He had left town by 1799. He was a soldier in Rev. War.

JOANNA, of Preston, Conn. m. (int) 7-1-1791 Benjamin Thomas who was a partner in the Gristmill at one time.

ISAAC C., m. Cynthia Snow (See Fam. 2).

OBADIAH, probably the one b. Worth. 12-10-1770. m. (int) Mid. 1-10-1796 Lydia Conant of Oxford.

ELIZABETH, b. Worthington, 4-9-1773.

MARTHA, m. Worthington, 4-11-1773 Thomas Arms.

FAM. 1. WILLIAM RHOADS, son of John Rhoads of Worthington and Mid. m. Mary Niells of Chesterfield. He purchased Lots No. 53, 54 and 55 in I Div. and No. 38 in 2nd Div. Murrayfield. His house was probably located at the top of Churchill Hill where Edward Little lived later. He was a soldier in Rev. War. He signed Pet. Inc. 1781. He served on school committee 1790-92 but had moved away by 1799.

Children b. Mid.:

SUSANNAH, b. 6-12-1783.

NAHAM, b. 9-16-1785.

KATY, b. 3-10-1789.

WILLIAM, b. 7-18-1791.

JUSTUS, b. 8-28-1793.

FAM. 2. ISAAC CADY RHOADS, probably a son of John Rhoads, d. Mid. 1796, m. 8-2-1790, Cynthia, dau. Sylvanus and Rebecca Snow, b. Ashford, Conn., 8-12-1758; d. 2-12-1829. He was mentioned in Mid. Town Records as early as 1785. He signed the Pet. Inc. 1781 and the Baptist Pet. 1790.

## Children :

JOHN ESTER, b. 10-11-1784 (sic).      KATHERINE SIBBLE, b. 2-11-1794.  
 HENRY, b. 3-29-1791.                      SARAH SNOW, b. 6-11-1795.  
 ELI TRUMAN, b. 9-11-1792.

## RIDER

RIDER, JEREMIAH, m. (int) 10-10-1784, Mary Rhoads. He m. 2nd (int) 3-29-1792, Mehitable Lucas of Becket. A Jeremiah Rider of Stafford, Conn., answered the Lexington Alarm in 1775 and served 2 days. He appears to have come to Mid. about 1783. He had some dealings in connection with the Rhoads Mill property that year and later was one of the partners for the mill of Major Thomas, Rider and Talcott, mentioned in a road survey of 1789-90. Rider lived in the Den and was one of the signers of the Baptist petition in 1790. He was assigned to Pew 16 in the meetinghouse 1792 and 1794. Rider had moved away from Mid. by 1800. A widow Rider, d. Mid. 1-7-1794 aged "more than 90."

## ROBBINS

ROBBINS, WILLIAM, b. 1650, m. Priscilla Gowing. He was a soldier in King Philip's War, 1675. He settled in Walpole then a part of Dedham in 1691. Among his six children was John, b. 1688.

JOHN ROBBINS, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Priscilla (Gowing) Robbins, was b. probably in Reading, Mass., 1688, m. Hannah Clark. Lived in Attleboro. Among their 13 children was David, b. 1717.

DAVID ROBBINS, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Clark) Robbins, was b. Attleboro, 7-21-1717, d. Mid. 9-2-1799, m. Catherine Tyler, b. about 1719, d. 8-4-1810. They lived first in Attleboro but moved to Ashford, Conn., just before the Rev. War. About 1782 they moved to Mid. with their son Job. Among their 13 children was Job, b. 5-27-1743.

JOB ROBBINS, son of David<sup>3</sup> and Catherine (Tyler) Robbins, was b. Attleboro, 5-27-1743, d. Mid. 4-23-1828, m. 1st Attleboro 4-2-1767, Cynthia Cushman, who was b. 1746, d. Mid. 9-18-1807. He m. 2nd 3-23-1808, Mrs. Martha Gates, who was b. 1748, d. 11-16-1818. He was a soldier in Rev.



War. Coming to Mid. from Ashford, Conn., about 1782 he settled in the northern part of the town on parts of Lots 92 and 93 Partridgefield. The original Robbins house stood some rods south of the present house East of the road near its junction with the old highway to Peru and was built about 1782. Between 1820 and 1830, Jacob, son of Job built the present house further up the road. It was originally a one-story structure but in 1833 was reconstructed and the second story added. The first house was torn down and put up as an ell to the new house. Job Robbins was an influential citizen in his day, being made one of the first Board of Selectmen. He served for two years. He was on the school committee 1784 and 1798. He was one of the charter members of the Cong. Ch. 1783.

#### Children :

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| JACOB, b. 1-7-1768, d. Warren, N. Y. 2-22-1855, m. 9-17-1794 Lois dau. David and Mary (Talcott) Mack of Mid. (See Mack Gen. p. 468).  | POLLY, b. 6-23-1775, m. 1st Mid. 3-26-1801 Jonathan Parker of Partridgefield, m. 2nd Mr. Brett. Two children.                                 |
| EBENEZER, b. 11-24-1769. (See Fam. 1).  | DAVID, b. 5-6-1777, d. 10-1-1838, m. Mid. 6-3-1802 Sally Skinner. Moved to Madison, Ohio. Children Ambrose, Stillman and others.              |
| ELIZABETH, b. 8-1-1771, d. Euclid, Ohio Feb. 1871, m. Mid. 4-10-1794 Elihu Richmond of Partridgefield, (brother of Asenath Richmond, wife of Ebenezer Robbins) b. 6-22-1770. Moved to Euclid, Ohio. 6 children. | JOB, b. 5-24-1779 (See Fam. 2)  |
| CYNTHIA, b. 1-25-1773, m. Mid. 1-20-1801, Benjamin Pinney of Becket. 4 children. (See Pinney Family).   | SAMUEL, b. 7-8-1782, d. Apr. 1785.  |
|   | JOSEPH, b. Mid. 3-3-1785, m. 10-29-1807 Polly Witt. Lived in Bethlehem, Albany Co., N. Y. Children: Alvin, b. 7-5-1816. Was a M. E. Minister. |
|   | ALVAH, b. Mid. 8-31-1788, m. 11-10-1811 Isaac Cody of Schenectady, N. Y.  |

FAM. 1. EBENEZER ROBBINS, son of Job<sup>4</sup> and Cynthia (Cushman) Robbins, was b. 11-24-1769, d. 8-2-1850, m. 11-6-1793, Asenath, dau. Edmund and Abigail (Wood) Richmond, b. 7-13-1775, d. 9-15-1844. He lived in Mid. and Peru until about 1805 when he moved to Newark Valley, Tioga Co., N. Y. He was a blacksmith.

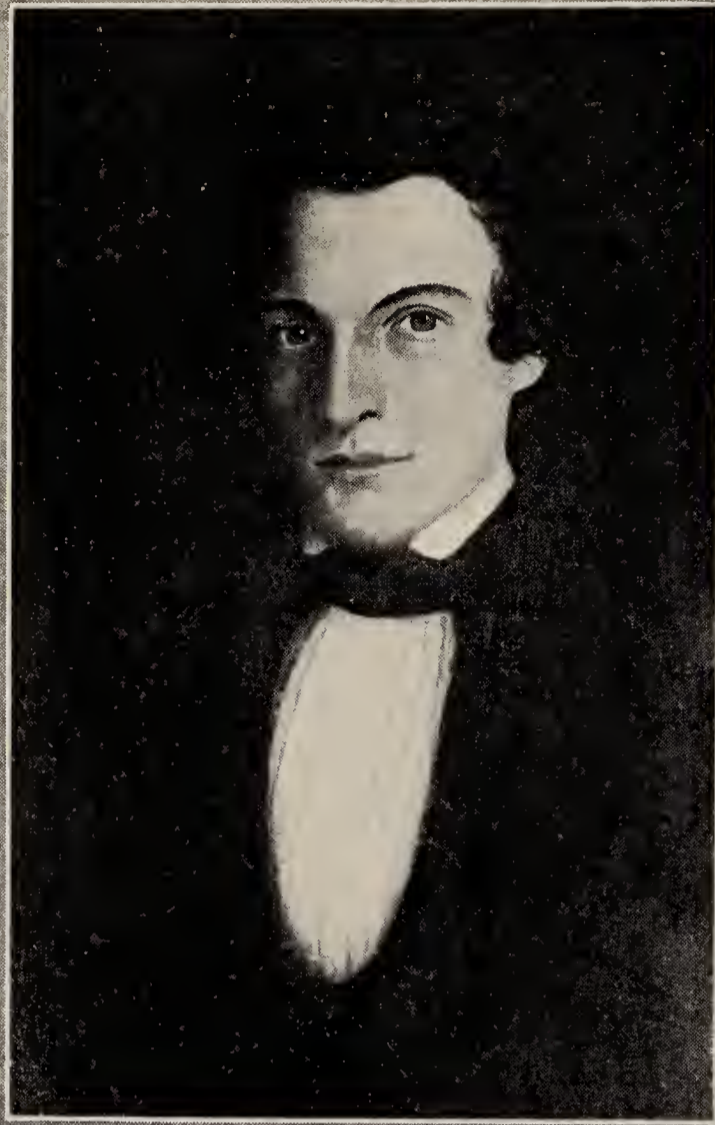
Children:

- SAMUEL, b. Mid. 1-12-1794, d. 1-14-1794.  
 CATHERINE, b. Peru 1-26-1795.  
 CYNTHIA, b. Peru 10-21-1797.  
 DOROTHY, b. Peru 8-18-1799, d. 1842, m. 11-13-1816 Joseph s. of Jesse and Elizabeth Prentice.  
 EBENEZER, b. Peru 5-4-1801.  
 LYDIA, b. Peru 11-12-1802, d. young.  
 ORLANDO, b. Peru, 1-16-1805.  
 HARLEY, b. 9-16-1806.  
 JOSEPH, b. 10-26-1808.  
 LYDIA, b. 4-22-1811.  
 SAMANTHA, b. 5-11-1813.  
 SARAH, b. 9-25-1816, m. Sylvester Sheldon.  
 ASENATH, b. 7-8-1820.

FAM. 2. JOB ROBBINS, son of Job<sup>4</sup> and Cynthia Robbins, was b. 5-24-1779, d. Mid. 3-1-1865, m. 10-7-1802, Polly, dau. Nathan and Polly (Whittemore) Wright of Mid. (See Wright Family). He was a farmer and carried on his father's farm on Windsor St.

Children b. Mid.:

- JOB, b. 8-14-1803. (See Family 3).  
 SAMUEL, b. 2-28-1805, d. 7-23-1846, m. (int) 4-16-1834 Sophronia Gamwell. Had a dau. Mary.  
 AMOS, b. 1-20-1807, d. 1-26-1810.  
 NATHAN W., b. 2-3-1809, d. 5-19-1879, m. (int) 9-11-1830 Lucy E. dau. Nathan and Hannah (Branch) Prentice of Chester b. 2-10-1811. He m. 2nd Mary Gifford. Children:  
     Mary, m. Thos. B. Jacobs, Fostoria, Ohio.  
     Nathan, m. Celestia Prouty.  
     Hannah, m. John Rice, West Salem, Ohio.  
     William, m. Ella Richart.  
 LORENZO, b. 1-25-1811, d. 2-5-1899, m. 9-14-1841 Dorothy Ann Gibbs. Lived in Becket. Children:  
     Joseph Gibbs, m. Ella Eggleston.  
     Lorenzo Ambrose, m. Caroline Pine.  
     Lydia Maria, m. John T. Sennott.  
 MARVIN S., b. 4-15-1813, d. 12-11-1872, m. 1-19-1865 Sarah, dau. Joseph and Jane Keeler. Lived in Mid. and Becket. He was an invalid from early life, but was a student and became skilled in many things. He was an early student of Phonography or Shorthand and was a teacher of the subject. George Hawes who at one time was a court stenographer learned of him. Robbins worked at photography and produced some very creditable daguerreotypes when that art was first introduced. He was also a portrait painter. Several of his works are still to be seen in Mid. homes.  
 JESSE, b. 4-24-1815, m. 4-14-1841, Frances dau. Josiah and Sarah Nettleton who was b. 3-16-1822. Lived in Russell, Ohio. Children:  
     Luna, m. John Marshall.  
     Myron, m. Libby Kahl.  
     Martin, m. Mary Whitell.  
     Edwin, m. Phebe Hunt.  
     Lettice, m. C. S. Collins.



SOLOMON F. ROOT  
FROM A PAINTING BY MARVIN ROBBINS  
THE ROBBINS HOUSE  
FROM A PAINTING BY MARVIN ROBBINS

Agnes, m. J. W. McFarland.  
 Katherine  
 (3 others died young)  
 JACOB, b. 10-8-1817. (See Family  
 1).  
 MARY, b. 8-19-1819, d. 8-14-1833.

THOMAS D., b. 5-15-1821, d. Laneshoro 5-30-1876, m. (int) 12-2-1843, Mary Little of Lee. Children:  
 Charles Wright. He was a soldier in Civil War, d. Louisville, Ky. 1864.  
 George King.  
 Allan Kingsley, m. Sarah Young.  
 Isadore, m. Chas. Graves.  
 Henry Wadsworth, d. ae. 14.  
 AMBROSE, b. 1-3-1825. (See Family 5).

FAM. 3. JOB ROBBINS, son of Job<sup>5</sup> and Polly (Wright) Robbins, was b. Mid. 8-14-1803; drowned 4-7-1869 in the sinking of a grain ship on Lake Erie; m. 3-15-1825, Sally Gates, who was b. 10-3-1802. He lived for a while in Factory Village, Mid. but moved to Deerfield about 1834.

Children:

SARAH, b. Mid. 1-31-1826, m. Wm. W. Cleveland.	SAMUEL, m. Belinda Belknap.
ALFRED ALEXANDER, b. Mid. 10-14-1827, d. 11-5-1827.	AMANDA, m. James Barnes.
AMANDA MALVINA, b. Mid. 7-28-1829, d. 9-14-1833.	HENRY, m. Harriet Hewitt.
	MARY,
	BENJAMIN, m. Josephine Cowell.

FAM. 4. JACOB ROBBINS, son of Job<sup>7</sup> and Polly (Wright) Robbins, was b. Mid. 10-8-1817, d. 9-16-1904, m. 2-26-1843 Mary Jane, dau. John and Sarah Schofield who d. 1905. He was for years a prominent resident of Mid. carrying on the old ancestral farm as his father had before him. He lived for a while in Suffield, Conn. He came back to Mid. and during the latter part of his life at the Center in the old Timothy Root house where for a while he was assistant postmaster. He was selectman in Mid. 1854-62.

Children:

WILLIAM EARL, b. Mid. 2-8-1845, m. 1st Harriet Elder, m. 2nd Amanda Markham, m. 3rd Mary Payne widow of Mr. McBride.	EDSON DAY, m. Emma Chappelle.
EDWARD CLARK, b. Mid. 6-10-1848, d. 9-13-1872.	MYRON LAWRENCE, m. Martha Rowen. He kept the store at Mid. Center for several years and drove the stage which brought the mail from Baneroft.
SARAH AUGUSTA.	FLORENCE EMMA, m. Robert Rowen.

FAM. 5. AMBROSE ROBBINS, son of Job<sup>5</sup> and Polly (Wright) Robbins, was b. Mid. 1-3-1825, d. 1-20-1881. Killed by a falling tree, m. 1st 10-3-1848 Julia A. dau. John and Sarah Schofield, who was b. 3-17-1825, d. 10-16-1863. He m. 2nd 6-26-1864 Jane E. dau. Milton and Amanda Smith. He lived in Mid. where he was selectman from 1856 to 1858.

Children:

JULIA, m. Clarence Kent. GRACE.  
FRANK, m. Frances Goodrich.

ROOT

ROOT, NOADIAH, of Westfield, appears to have owned the Erastus Ingham farm, west of the Center, which included Lot 11, I Div. E. Prescott's Grant, and 12 acres in northwest corner of Joseph Blush's farm on Lot 207 Worthington, adjoining. Root sold this property to Samuel Gowdy, Jr., in 1796.

ROOT, THOMAS, (Timothy,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) son of Timothy<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Pease) Root, was b. Somers, Conn., 3-28-1726, d. Mid. 3-15-1821, m. 1st Ann ———, m. 2nd 11-8-1764 Alice, dau. Israel and Sarah (Booth) Pease, who d. 12-30-1821, ae. 85. He is said to have come to Mid. about 1783 from Enfield, Conn. He seems first to have located in the Pease district, not far from Metcalf's Tannery (Lot 14, III Div. Becket). Later about 1790 he bought land in "the Gulf" in the valley of the Westfield River at the foot of Mt. Gobble, and built a house west of the old road which wound down the mountain south of the Alderman farm.

Children:

THOMAS, b. 7-14-1756.	LUCINA, b. 12-18-1773, d. 12-19-1830, m. 9-28-1795 John Metcalf. (See Metcalf Family).
ANN, b. 9-8-1758.	
OBEDIENCE, b. 6-4-1760.	
SOLOMON, b. 7-11-1765. (See Family 1).	SARAH, b. 3-15-1776, m. 11-23-1800 John Spencer. (See Spencer Fam- ily).
ALICE, b. 9-19-1766, d. 10--11-1768.	
DANIEL, b. 1-4-1769. (See Fam. 7).	RHODA, b. 3-19-1780, m. Nial Little 9-14-1803. (See Little Fam.).
ALICE, b. 6-2-1771, d. 10-8-1821, m. 7-10-1801 Green H. Church. (See Church Family).	

FAM. 1. SOLOMON ROOT, son of Thomas<sup>4</sup> and Alice (Pease) Root, was b. Enfield, Conn., 7-11-1765, d. Mid. 8-8-1831, m.

4-2-1789, Mary, dau. Ebenezer and Mary (Talcott) Selden of Mid. (1771-1862). He came with his father to Mid. and after his marriage lived in the double log house in "the Gulf" which his father built for him and his brother, Daniel. Later he moved to the top of the hill and lived in the house built by Ebenezer Selden on the site of the dwelling of Mr. Alderman. Mr. and Mrs. Root were constituent members of the Baptist Ch. in 1817.

Children b. Mid.:

SOLOMON, b. 2-8-1791. (See Family 2).

TIMOTHY, b. 12-4-1792, d. 3-1-1856, m. 5-4-1818 Amanda, dau. Ebenezer and Mary (Mack) Emmons. (See Emmons Fam.) He lived for some years in Mid. acting as partner to his brother Solomon in his store at the Center. It was to accommodate him that the house which formerly joined the store on the south was built. He was selectman in 1844.

HARVEY, b. 4-26-1795 (See Fam. 5).

SELDEN, b. 9-27-1797, d. 6-18-1873; m. (int) 10-14-1821, Mary Hubbard of W. Springfield who d. 7-25-1832. He m. 2nd 9-23-1834, Waita Irene Graves. Lived a quarter of a mile west of the Center. Joined Baptist Ch. 1829.

Children: (of Selden)

Mariett, b. 9-3-1822, m. 7-4-1843, Enoch Dwight Graves.

Emiline, b. 8-24-1823, m. (int) 11-7-1846, Chas. Coit, of Worthington.

Charles Selden, m. in Wis. and settled in Texas.

MARY, b. 2-16-1800 m. (int) 2-27-1825, Dan Pease, Jr. (See Pease Family).

NATHAN, b. 4-11-1806, d. 6-28-1894 m. (int) 10-20-1832 Mary Abbott of Chester. He moved to Chester in 1831, where he was a merchant. When the railroad was built he opened his house as a hotel, known as "Railroad House." Their golden wedding was celebrated 11-24-1882. Two children:

Janett, m. George Knowles.

Mary, m. 2-24-1864, Talmadge B. Church. (See Church Family).

JULIA, b. 3-11-1812, m. Apr. 1836 Geo. N. Elder, Ohio.

FAM. 2. SOLOMON ROOT, son of Solomon<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Selden) Root, was b. Mid. 2-8-1791, d. Mid. 12-24-1874, m. 3-16-1815, Laura, dau. David and Mary (Talcott) Mack of Mid. (See Mack Gen. p. 484). For many years he was prominent in public affairs, serving as selectman in 1824-30, 1832-34. He was town treasurer 1835-52 and represented the town in the General Court in 1834. He was postmaster at the Center 1833-57. He kept a button shop making buttons for the Willistons of Easthampton. For many years he



CAPT. TIMOTHY ROOT

MRS. MARY (SELDON) ROOT

SOLOMON ROOT, JR.

MRS. AMANDA (EMMONS) ROOT

SOLOMON FRANCIS ROOT

MRS. LAURA (MACK) ROOT

was storekeeper at the Center, being especially popular with the school children because he would give more raisins for a penny than the other merchants in town. He and his wife were staunch members of the Baptist Church.

Children b. Mid.:

LAURA MACK, b. 3-11-1816, d. Newton, Mass. 10-4-1886, m. 2-25-1839 Lewis D. Boise, who was a tailor by trade and lived in Mid. He was a retail clothing merchant in Lowell and Boston. (See Mack Gen. p. 603).

MARIA DELIGHT, b. 12-31-1817, d. Huntington 3-14-1883, m. 3-15-1840 Matthew Smith. Lived in Mid. (See Smith Family—Also Mack Gen. p. 175 and 604).

ELVIRA, b. 9-24-1819, d. Hartford, Conn. 4-10-1903, m. 5-19-1841 John Smith. (See Smith Fam. also Mack Gen. p. 176 and 607).

SOLOMON FRANCIS, b. 8-31-1826. (See Family 3).

FAM. 3. SOLOMON FRANCIS ROOT, son of Solomon<sup>6</sup> and Laura (Mack) Root, was b. Mid. 8-31-1826, d. 7-2-1915, m. 1st 1-1-1850, Anna, dau. Samuel and Lucina (Metcalf) Smith of Mid. She d. 3-24-1874. He m. 2nd 4-13-1876, Amanda Lane, d. October, 1918. He was for many years a merchant in Mid. at the Center and "the Switch." He was a partner in the firm of Boise, Smith & Root, who for a few years operated the Wm. Blush mill making satinet, until it was burned in 1851. He was Town Clerk in 1855 and Town Treasurer 1863-65. He joined the Baptist Ch. in 1842. He was also Justice of the Peace. He lived in Russell, Newton, Hinsdale and Dalton (See Mack Gen. p. 611).

Children:

JAMES FRANCIS, b. 9-24-1850, d. 5-23-1866.

AZARIAH SMITH, b. 2-3-1862. (See Fam. 4).

MARTHA LANE, b. 2-22-1877, m. 10-10-1900, Waverly Tillinghast Wonsen. (See Mack Gen. p. 612).

FRANCIS SOLOMON, b. 5-5-1879, m. 6-15-1901 Florence Mae Lewis (See Mack Gen. p. 615).

FAM. 4. AZARIAH SMITH ROOT, son of Solomon F.<sup>7</sup> and Anna (Smith) Root, was b. Mid. 2-3-1862; m. 4-30-1887, Anna Mayo Metcalf, dau. Isaac Stevens and Antoinete Brigham (Putnam) Metcalf. She graduated from Oberlin College 1884. Mr. Root was educated at Mid., Hinsdale, Pittsfield,



and Oberlin, graduating from Oberlin College in 1884. He lives in Oberlin where he is active in local affairs. He has been librarian of Oberlin College since 1887. He has also been president of the American Library Association. (See Mack Gen. p. 284).

Children b. Oberlin:

FRANCIS METCALF, b. 9-24-1889, m. North Haven, Conn. 12-1-1917, Barbara Bradley. He is a graduate of Oberlin and of Johns Hopkins Univ. He is a teacher of medical entomology in the Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Child:

Vernon Metcalf, b. Baltimore, Md. 2-11-1923.

MARIAN METCALF, b. 1-2-1896. Graduated from Oberlin. Is engaged in library work in New York City.

FAM. 5. HARVEY ROOT, son of Solomon<sup>7</sup> and Mary (Selden) Root, was b. Mid. 4-26-1795; d. Mid. 2-1-1887; m. 1st 1-24-1822, Sally, dau. Dan Pease of Mid. who d. 11-26-1871. He m. 2nd Sarah A. dau. Alpheus Hazelton of Madison Co., N. Y. She was widow of Ebenezer Smith, d. 11-5-1900. He worked for a contractor Geo. Blake in Springfield. Became an expert at laying stone walls at Danbury, Conn. In 1845 he bought the Israel Pease farm on Ridgepole Road in Mid. and engaged in raising fine stock. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

Children:

FRANKLIN H., b. 11-5-1822, d. 4-19-1843.

SARAH ANN, b. 4-5-1827, d. 3-18-1852.

MARY ANN, b. 4-5-1827, d. 2-29-1852.

SOLOMON, b. May 1828, d. 9-9-1828.

LESTER, b. 9-15-1829, d. Mid. 12-22-1908. He was a life long resident of Mid. living on the farm first cleared by William Skinner, a mile and a half north east of the Center. He was unmarried.

CORINTH, b. 2-13-1832; d. 12-9-1839.

AMANDA, b. 9-15-1834, d. 3-10-1843.

GEORGE, b. 2-26-1837, d. 3-13-1843.

HARRIET, b. 5-27-1839, d. 3-9-1843.

JUDSON, b. 4-8-1842, d. 3-16-1843.

LAURA, b. 1-15-1844. (See Fam. 6).

FAM. 6. LAURA ROOT, dau. Harvey<sup>6</sup> and Sally (Pease) Root, was b. 1-15-1844, m. 1-27-1870, George, son of John and Jerusha (Shaw) Chipman, b. Cornwall, Conn., 7-19-1832; d. Mid. 8-15-1899. The family have lived for many years

on the farm once owned by Thomas and Bartholomew Ward on Ridgepole Road.

Children :

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| HARVEY, b. 1-5-1871, d. 3-11-1896.  | FRANK, b. 12-8-1872. He cultivates the farm once owned by his grandfather, Harvey Root.  |
| WESLEY, b. 12-8-1871. He carries on his father's farm and is prominent in the Mid. church. He was selectman 1899, 1917, 1919. | ELLA, b. 5-29-1882. She is prominent in church and local affairs, and has been local correspondent for the Springfield <i>Republican</i> . |

FAM. 7. DANIEL ROOT, son of Thomas<sup>4</sup> and Alice (Pease) Root, was b. Enfield, Conn., 1-4-1769; d. Mid. 10-7-1850; m. 1st (int) 3-8-1790, Electa Wardwell, who d. Mid. 11-7-1810; m. 2nd (int) 10-10-1815, Wid. Sarah Shepard, who d. Mid. 3-12-1824; m. 3rd 6-9-1826, Mrs. Anna (Smith) Martin. (See Mack Gen. p. 1692). He succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm in the "Gulf" in Mid. and built the dwelling known as the "old red house," near the river later known as the "Eliakim Root place." He was prominent in local affairs, serving as selectman 1811-18, and as Representative to the General Court in 1816-17 and 1835.

Children b. Mid. :

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| SALLY, b. 8-19-1790; d. 9-3-1836: m. Asa Smith. (See Mack Gen. p. 132. See Smith Fam.).                    | JUSTIN, b. 7-25-1799: d. 4-1-1863: m. Susan Moore. He was living in Mid. as late as 1823.                               |
| DANIEL, b. 4-7-1793: m. (int) 8-15-1819, Susannah Church. Moved to Rockdale, Crawford Co., Pa. about 1820. | ELECTA, b. 11-26-1801: m. (int) 4-13-1823, Daniel Alderman. (See Alderman Family).                                      |
| FANNY, b. 6-14-1795; m. 9-10-1816, Oliver Smith. (See Mack Gen. p. 134).                                   | ELIAKIM, b. 10-26-1804: m. Myra Raymond. He lived for many years on the farm owned by his father at Mid. in "the Gulf." |
| SYLVESTER, b. 5-11-1797: m. 10-5-1824, Mercy Thomas of Worthington. Lived at Rockdale, Pa.                 | LAURA, b. 2-4-1807: m. Charles Collins.   |
|  | INDEPENDENCE, b. 5-9-1810: m. William Fay.  |

RUSS

RUSS, JOSEPH, was probably connected with the Russ families of Andover, in which Joseph and Hezekiah were common names. A Joseph Russ, m. Priscilla Moore in 1709 and had

a son, Joseph, Jr., b. 1710. A Hezekiah Russ, m. Deborah Wilson, 4-10-1710, and had a son, John, b. 5-27-172?, Leicester. Joseph Russ of Mid. was b. about 1732; d. Mid. 10-18-1796; his first wife d. Mid. between 5-1- and 10-31-1792. He m. 2nd 11-26-1792, Mrs. Elizabeth Blush, widow of Joseph Blush of Mid.; she d. 7-3-1822. Mr. Russ came to Mid. early enough to sign the Pet. Inc. 1781. In 1782 he purchased the northern portions of Lots 92 and 93, Partridgefield, bounding north on the line between Mid. and Peru, which lay north of the Robbins farm. The old house where Diodet Dickson and Henry Hendricks lived was originally the Russ place.

#### Children:

AMASA, b. 6-10-1758: mentioned in his father's will as his oldest son; d. Waitsfield, Vt., 7-23-1828: m. Phebe Jennings who d. 6-18-1831 aged 77. Moved from Peru to Sharon, Vt. and thence to Waitsfield, Vt. in 1810.

#### Children:

Eunice, b. 1788; d. 1824.

Sally, b. 3-10-1790.

Amasa, b. Peru, 1-26-1793.

Joseph, b. Peru, 11-6-1795; he may have been the Joseph Russ who d. Hinsdale, 11-21-1824.

HEZEKIAH, m. 11-18-1800, Mrs. Melody Hardy, of Washington. She must have died soon for he m. 2nd. 12-19-1803 Ruth Wright. He became head of the household after his father's death, carrying on the farm until 1813 when he sold Lot 92 to Elias Wares, who was the next occupant of the farm. The next year he sold part of Lot 93 to Matthew Smith. This lot was called "the upper lot" of the Smith farm. Russ was living in Peru in 1814. A dau. of Mr. Russ d. Hinsdale, 5-18-1820.

An Ebenezer Russ, m. (int) 10-15-1787, Hannah Hovey of Dalton. An Ebenezer Russ, d. Hinsdale, 1-13-1810. A dau. Polly, was b. Mid. 7-22-1788.

A Benjamin Russ of Partridgefield, m. 11-14-1789, Electa Clark of Deerfield.

### RUSSELL

RUSSELL, WILLIAM, d. Cambridge, 2-14-1661. His wife Martha, d. 1694. He came from England, 1636 and in 1645 settled at Cambridge. Had a son, William, b. 4-28-1655.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Martha Russell, was b. Cambridge, 4-28-1655; d. Andover, 4-22-1753; m. 3-18-1683,

Abigail, dau. Edward and Elizabeth Winship, b. 2-13-1656; d. 7-31-1727. Had a son William, b. 4-5-1687.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, son of William<sup>2</sup> and Abigail (Winship) Russell, was b. Cambridge, 4-5-1687; m. Andover, 2-7-1731-2, Sarah, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Webster) Emery. Lived at Andover, where several children were born, including Gideon (b. 4-1-1735) and Alpheus (b. 1737). Moved to Somers, Conn.

GIDEON RUSSELL, son of William<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Emery) Russell, was b. Andover, 4-1-1735; d. Mid. 1-8-1818; m. about 1760 Mary Parsons, b. abt. 1732; d. Mid. 6-21-1801. He moved from Somers, Conn., to Mid. about 1783 when he purchased of David Taylor the eastern part of Lots 4 and 5, II Div. East, Prescott's Grant. He later added to his farm part of Nathan Mann's lot No. 3 on Dickson Hill. The Russell house stood about 100 rods from the highway, where a cellar hole can be found in the lot across the road from the James Church place now owned by Mr. Gardner. The old road leading up over the hill to the Lamberton Farm passed this place. Russell served on the school committee for a time.

Children b. Somers, Conn.:

GIDEON, b. 12-26-1760. (See Fam. 1).	ABEL, b. 2-13-1765. (See Fam. 3).
ALPHEUS, b. 10-10-1762. (See Fam. 2).	MARY, b. 10-13-1767, m. (int) 4-30-1787, Benjamin Taggart.
	EUNICE, b. 11-18-1770.

FAM. 1. GIDEON RUSSELL, son of Gideon<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Parsons) Russell, was b. Somers, Conn., 12-26-1760; m. 2-9-1786, at South Hadley, Jemima, dau. Gideon and Sarah (Montagne) Alvord. He was a soldier in Rev. War. He lived at first with his father north of the Center but about 1797 bought Lot No. 145 of Abel Russell in the Worthington Section and was living on his farm in 1800 according to the census of that year. The farm was located at the foot of Smith Hollow Hill. Since his father sold his farm to Uriah Church in 1803 it is probable he made his home with Gideon, Jr., until his death. Gideon, Jr., joined the Congregational Church in 1802. His wife had joined by letter from South Hadley in 1793. In 1818 he and his whole family moved to Russell Township later called, Huntsburg, Ohio.

The history of Geauga Co., Ohio states, "A family of Russells came in 1818 in what was late Russell Township. William Russell came and took up 225 acres. Ebenezer Russell and family moved in 1818. Also Alpheus, Jemima and Sarah. They were from Massachusetts and were Presbyterians."

Children b. Mid.:

JUSTIN, b. 2-5-1787, d. 8-27-1801.	JEMIMA, b. 6-27-1798, d. 3-23-1866
SYLVESTER, b. 2-10-1789.	m. 5-31-1821, Horatio, eldest son
SYLVESTUS, b. 2-10-1789.	of John Fowler who came from
EBENEZER, b. 4-18-1791.	Washington, Mass. in 1817 to
WILLIAM, b. 12-8-1793.	Geauga Co., Ohio.
GIDEON, b. 3-25-1796, d. 8-6-1810.	SARAH, b. 9-22-1800.
	ALPHEUS, b. 5-27-1803.

FAM. 2. ALPHEUS RUSSELL, son of Gideon<sup>+</sup> and Mary (Parsons) Russell, was b. Somers, Conn., 10-10-1762; d. Mid. 10-26-1802, being killed at a raising of a barn. m. (int) 5-6-1794 Rebecca Clark of Becket. She m. 2nd (int) 6-20-1803 her next door neighbor, Rev. Jonathan Nash. He was a carpenter by trade and was one of the carpenters in charge of building the Middlefield meetinghouse in 1791. He followed Daniel Chapman on the farm now owned by G. E. Cook, north of the Center. It is said that he built the present house.

Children b. Mid.:

ALPHEUS CLARK, b. 4-17-1795; m. 5-28-1818 Kirtland, O. Elizabeth, dau. George Conant, b. 9-19-1792. Her father was b. in Barnstable 1762 and moved to Becket, 1779. He was a brother of Thatcher Conant, organizer of the Becket Land Co.	REBECCA, b. 3-13-1797, m. 2-20-1823, Nored Elder of Chester.
	MARY, b. 9-11-1799, m. Samuel Billings.

FAM. 3. ABEL RUSSELL, son of Gideon<sup>+</sup> and Mary (Parsons) Russell, was b. 2-13-1765; m. Silence Atchison. He came to Mid. with his father Gideon and appears to have owned at one time the land which became the farm of his brother Gideon, Jr., in Smith Hollow. He also owned land near Alpheus Russell in 1791. He was living at his father's in 1800 but is mentioned in the road survey of 1805 as living

near Factory Brook west of Philip Meacham. He probably took up a farm there after his father sold his place to Uriah Church in 1803. Russell was a cabinet maker by trade. He was living in town in 1810 but had gone by 1820. He served on the school committee in 1799 and 1806.

Children b. Mid.:

LILLIS, b. 10-11-1793.

JOHN, b. 4-4-1800.

ABEL, b. 9-30-1795.

MARIA, b. 5-31-1804.

LYMAN, b. 11-19-1797.

MILTON, b. 7-31-1811.

### SANFORD

SANFORD, ELIAS, (Zachariah,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Zachariah<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Curtis) Sanford, was b. Waterbury, Conn., 7-7-1753; m. 1-23-1776, Alice Fuller. He appears to have come to Mid. between 1792 and 1794, his assignment to pew 25 in the meetinghouse being given only under the latter date. He lived somewhere in the southwest part of the town, between Russell West and Abner Chapin according to the Census of 1800. He had left town by 1810.

Children:

JOSEPH F., b. 3-13-1777.

BARZILLAI, b. 7-7-1786.

LUCINDA, b. 8-14-1778.

PHILEMON, b. Mid. 3-28-1789.

DANIEL, b. 3-3-1780.

MARTHA, b. Mid. 6-16-1791.

ELIAS, b. 3-20-1782.

LYMAN, b. Mid. 6-13-1794.

BENJAMIN, b. 4-18-1784.

(See "Thomas Sanford Family" Vol. 1, page 170).

### SELDEN

SELDEN, EBENEZER, (Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) son of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Clark) Selden, was b. 5-17-1720; d. Mid. 5-18-1807; m. 1st (int) 10-24-1753, Jerusha Pomeroy, m. 2nd 1-3-1769, Mary Olcott, m. 3rd 1-23-1787, Mrs. Mary (Ellis) Mack, widow of Elisha Mack. It was in 1786 that Ebenezer Selden bought of Enos Blossom his Tavern property on the County Highway where Mr. Arthur D. Pease now lives. Selden lived there but a few years if at all for he soon sold it to Elijah Bartholomew who kept the tavern for a year or two. Tradition says that Selden lived

in a house on the west side of the highway from Pease's to the Center some 15 rods from the former. Another tradition has it that the Selden house stood on the north side of the cross road from Pease's to the "still," and that the old house became an ell attached to the Pease house about 1821 but since removed. Mr. Selden built the first house on the site of the dwelling of Mr. E. H. Alderman and lived there until his death, at the advanced age of 89.

Among their children were:

SALLY, m. 5-31-1798, Seth Bull. (See Bull Family).

MARY, b. Aug. 1771, d. 2-26-1862. m. 4-2-1789, Solomon Root. (See Root Fam. also Mack Gen. p. 1703-9).

### SHELDON

SHELDON, EPHRAIM, (Charles,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> Isaac,<sup>3</sup> Isaac,<sup>2</sup>Isaac<sup>1</sup>) son of Lieutenant Charles<sup>5</sup> and Lydia (Taft) Sheldon, was b. Somers, Conn., 5-21-1754; d. Lee, 4-22-1840, m. 1st (int) 11-13-1779, Miriam, dau. Moses and Anna (Coolèy) Wariner, of Wilbraham, who was b. Springfield, 4-1-1758. She d. 11-30-1792. He m. 2nd 5-25-1794, Lydia Gifford of Lee. She d. of old age at Lee, 8-28-1841 or 1844. He was a soldier in Rev. War. He was on the valuation list of Murrayfield in 1782, having purchased of Zebidee Goodwin of Becket a portion of Lot No. 40, II Div. just north of Enos Blossom's tavern and farm. His house probably stood on the site where Dea. Field's house later stood. In 1785-86 he purchased lot 59, I Div. Chester. In 1787, he was constable and tax collector for Middlefield, having charge of lots to be sold for taxes. In 1788, he sold his farm to Abner Clapp, and moved to Stockbridge and later to Lee. According to the census of 1790 an Ephraim Sheldon was living in Westfield that year. He was dismissed from the Stockbridge church in 1794 and admitted to the Lee Church in 1795. He was tithingman and surveyor of highways in Lee in 1796.

Children:

ELIZABETH, b. Somers, Conn. m. 1st 2-14-1804 Ebenezer Kellogg of Vernon, Conn. m. 2nd 6-18-1815,

Alexander McLean of Manchester Conn.

CLARISSA, b. 1782, m. 12-12-1803, Stephen Comstock, at Lee.

- EPHRAIM, b. Mid. 12-18-1785, m. MARY, b. 1792.  
 10-7-1818, Mary Kyle, who was b. LYDIA, b. 5-6-1795; m. Lee, 11-16-  
 Lee 7-15-1785. They had a dau. b. 1823, Cornelius Barlow. (See also  
 Chester, 9-19-1823, named Julia Sheldon, Warriner, Comstock and  
 Ann. Mack Geneologies).
- NOAH, b. Mid. 2-17-1787, m. Wil-  
 liamstown, 5-24-1818, Lydia, dau.  
 Levi and Lydia (Gibbs) Smedley.  
 b. 9-13-1797. He was a graduate  
 of Williams College 1815, and a  
 minister at Lee.

## SKINNER

SKINNER, JOSEPH, (John,<sup>3</sup> Richard,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>—Loomis Gen.) of  
 Colchester, Conn., m. Elizabeth Williams, who d. 1754.  
 Among their children were William, b. 1743; (See Fam. 1)  
 Joseph, m. 2nd in 1756 Mary Blush, sister of Joseph Blush,  
 of Mid. She was probably the widow Molly Skinner who  
 was living in Mid. in 1800. Among their children were:

- SAMUEL, b. 5-3-1765. (See Fam. 2). RACHEL, b. 10-5-1770. Perhaps the  
 one who m. Mid. 6-27-1799 Jona-  
 than Woodward. (See Woodward  
 Fam.).

FAM. 1. WILLIAM SKINNER, son of Joseph and Elizabeth  
 (Williams) Skinner, was b. Colchester, Conn., July, 1743;  
 d. Mid. 12-30-1835; m. Colchester, 8-31-1767, Elizabeth, dau.  
 of Captain William and Hannah (Fuller) Church, bap.  
 10-11-1747; d. Mid. 1827. In 1782 he bought of Mary  
 Willard Lot 210, Worthington, just east of the Den Stream  
 where in recent years Lester Root lived. On committee  
 1789 to collect materials for the meetinghouse. Pew 5 in  
 church in 1792 and 1794. A road survey mentions his place  
 as early as 1783. Children:

- ELIZABETH, b. 9-16-1768; m. Mid. DOROTHY, b. abt. 1793; m. 5-29-1817  
 (int) 4-23-1792 Samuel Jones, Jesse Wright. (See Wright Fam.).  
 Jr. (See Jones Fam.) (Other probable children)
- HANNAH, b. 4-24-1773; m. Mid. 11- WILLIAM, b. ——. (See Fam. 3).  
 12-1795 John Jones. CLARISSA, b. ——; m. (int) 8-26-  
 1791, Samuel Phelps. (See Phelps  
 Fam.).
- LUCY, b. 4-5-1775.
- SALLY, b. ——; m. 6-3-1802 David  
 Robbins. (See Robbins Fam.).
- JOHN, b. ——; (See Fam. 4).



FAM. 2. SAMUEL SKINNER, son of Joseph and Mary (Blush) Skinner, b. Colchester, Conn., 5-3-1765. He was probably the man of this name who was in Mid. 1787 when he was appointed on committee to notify out-of-town persons to come to Mid. to choose a site for the meetinghouse. His wife's name was Dorcas and his son Samuel was b. Mid. 5-24-1786. He went by the title of "Lieutenant." Not heard of after 1788.

FAM. 3. WILLIAM SKINNER, b. ———; m. (int) 4-18-1803, Clarissa Tinker, of Chester. He lived near the soapstone quarry on Smith Hollow Hill. Pew 7 in meetinghouse gallery in 1792.

FAM. 4. JOHN SKINNER, b. ———; m. 7-24-1817, Rachel Clapp; he was living in Mid. until abt. 1835. Children b. in Mid. were:

RACHEL, b. 2-7-1818; d. 2-17-1818.

INFANT, d. 10-20-1834.

SOVIA ADELIN, b. 9-21-1820.

HARRIET ANN, b. 5-7-1836.

MARY SOPHIRONIA, b. 3-18-1823; d. 9-20-1824.

A Cynthia Skinner, m. Wash., 11-27-1787, Oliver Eggleston.

A Theodosia Skinner, of Glastonbury, Conn., probably dau. of Abraham Skinner, m. (int) 2-2-1796, John Meeker.

A Permela Skinner, m. Samuel Sanderson of Chester, (int) 8-7-1824.

A Cornelia Skinner, d. Mid. April, 1848.

SKINNER, AARON, son of John and Sarah Skinner, was b. 1713; d. 1766; m. Eunice, dau. Michael Taintor of Colchester, Conn. He was a cousin of William<sup>5</sup> Skinner, Sr.

#### Children:

AMASA, went to Waitsfield, Vt.

ELI, (perhaps ELIJAH), b. 7-30-1760.

JARED, went to Waitsfield, Vt.

He was a soldier in Rev. War.

LOVINA, b. Colchester, Conn. 3-7-1757; m. 7-12-1775, Bissell Phelps of Hebron, Conn. Moved to Mid. and Waitsfield, Vt. (See Phelps Family).

Later he was living in Mid. where he had a blacksmith shop across the road from Enos Blossom's Tavern, which is mentioned in deeds as late as 1789. He moved to Shelburn.